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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated March 20, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response

Indication of Allowability – The Examiner is thanked for indicating that the independent claim 13 was allowed. Dependent claims 2-5, 7-12, 15-18 and 25-27 have all been amended to ultimately depend from allowed independent claim 13. All remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice. As such the present application is believed to be in proper condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all remaining rejections and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.